

## Message Text

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SUBJECT: UNHCR REFUGEE MESSAGE

HERWITH MESSAGE FROM UNHCR REPRESENTATIVE SABITI FOR  
UNHCR/GENEVA.

QUOTE HCR/SWA41 FOLLOWING TEXT WAS HANDED TO HON. Z.A.  
KHUMALO ACTING PRIME MINISTER

1. THE HIGH COMMISSIONER HAS DIRECTED ME TO INFORM  
THE GOVERNMENT THAT HE VIEWS THE EXPULSION OF THE REFUGEES  
WITH GREAT CONCERN.

2. THE HIGH COMMISSIONER WISHES ME TO CONVEY TO YOU THAT  
HIS FUND-RAISING EFFORTS TO COVER PROJECTS SUBMITTED BY  
THE SWAZILAND GOVERNMENT ARE ON THE BASIS THAT REFUGEES  
OF CONCERN TO HIS OFFICE WILL BE GRANTED ASYLUM AND  
FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT WITHIN SWAZILAND, AND SO THESE EFFORTS  
ARE NOT HELPED BY IMPRISONMENT OR EXPULSION OF REFUGEES.

3. AMONG THOSE EXPELLED ARE SOME STUDENTS WHO ARE  
SAID TO HAVE MISBEHAVED AT MPAKA. THE HIGH COM-  
MISSIONER APPEALS TO THE GOVERNMENT TO RECONSIDER  
THE CASES OF THESE STUDENTS, AND TO CONSIDER THE TIME  
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THEY HAVE BEEN IN PRISON AS ENOUGH DISCIPLINARY ACTION.

4. IN REGARD TO THE GOVERNMENT'S REQUEST THAT UNHCR  
RESETTLES THESE REFUGEES ELSEWHERE, I AM DIRECTED  
TO INFORM YOU THAT PAST EXPERIENCE HAS SHOWN THAT  
RESETTLEMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR EXPELLED PEOPLE LIKE  
THESE HAVE BEEN VERY LIMITED. IN THIS CASE, HOWEVER,

THE UNHCR IS PREPARED, IN CO-OPERATION WITH THE PAC LEADERSHIP, TO LOOK FOR RESETTLEMENT OPPORTUNITIES. IN THE MEANTIME THE HIGH COMMISSIONER APPEALS TO THE GOVERNMENT TO GIVE THE FAMILIES OF THE EXPELLED PEOPLE ACCESS TO THEM SO THAT THEY CAN DISCUSS ARRANGEMENTS FOR LEAVING.

5. THE HIGH COMMISSIONER IS ALSO VERY CONCERNED THAT A LARGE NUMBER OF REFUGEES ARE BEING KEPT IN PRISONS AND NO DECISION HAS BEEN TAKEN AS TO WHETHER THEY ARE GRANTED ASYLUM OR NOT. HE APPEALS TO THE GOVERNMENT TO RECTIFY THIS SITUATION.

6. I HAVE TODAY BEEN ALLOWED TO VISIT THE DETAINEES. GOVERNMENT STATEMENT FOLLOWS.  
41 STUDENTS AT THOKOZA SCHOOL WERE ARRESTED YESTERDAY FOR HOLDING A DEMONSTRATION THEY DEMANDED TO KNOW THE FATE OF THEIR COLLEAGUES WHO ARE DETAINED. POLICE SAYS THEY WILL APPEAR IN COURT SOON. AS ONLY ONE STUDENT IS LEFT SCHOOL IS TEMPORARILY CLOSED. ANSWER TO THE FOREGOING TEXT WILL FOLLOW AFTER CABINET DISCUSSION. (SABITI HICOMREF) END QUOTE.  
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